

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1603

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of EBONY)	Served September 10, 1976
MEDI-VAN, INC., for a)	
Certificate of Public)	Application No. 965
Convenience and)	
Necessity to Perform)	Docket No. 350
Non-Emergency Medical)	
Transportation)	

By Application No. 965, filed September 8, 1976, Ebony Medi-Van, Inc. (Ebony) seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transportation of handicapped, elderly and disabled persons in non-emergency patient transportation services, over irregular routes between points within the Metropolitan District.

Ebony proposes two separate schedules of rates for the proposed services. One is similar to that established by the District of Columbia Department of Human Resources (DHR) for non-emergency patient transportation services provided to eligible individuals participating in the D. C. Medicaid Program, and is shown in the application as follows:

Non-emergency wheelchair van transportation:

1. One-way trip within the Capital Beltway
(Route 495) \$ 15.00
Cancellation 7.50
2. One-way trip outside the Capital Beltway
(Route 495) \$ 15.00 + .75 per
loaded mile

3. Round trip within the Capital Beltway
 (Route 495) \$ 25.00
 Cancellation charge 7.50
4. Round trip outside the Capital Beltway
 (Route 495) \$ 25.00 + .75 per
 loaded mile
5. Unusual circumstances requiring additional manpower
 \$ 5.00 additional per trip.

The only apparent difference between the above described rate schedule and that of DHR is the cancellation charge under item 3, which DHR publications have indicated to be \$12.50.

The other schedule of rates proposed by Ebony is as follows:

1. One-way trip within the Capital Beltway
 (Route 495) \$ 20.00
2. One-way trip outside Capital Beltway
 (Route 495) \$ 20.00 + .90 per
 loaded mile
3. Round trip within Capital Beltway
 (Route 495) \$ 30.00
4. Round trip outside Capital Beltway
 (Route 495) \$ 30.00 + .90 per
 loaded mile
5. Unusual circumstances requiring additional manpower
 \$ 7.00 additional per trip.

Wheelchairs are provided for passengers that have none.

No cancellation charges are specified in the latter schedule of rates and the application does not specify why two separate schedules of rates are included.

Ebony, incorporated in the District of Columbia, proposes to provide the service in two 1974 vans equipped with wheelchair ramps.

This application must be scheduled for public hearing. Ebony shall be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to be sufficient to cover the expenses of the proceeding.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 965 of Ebony Medi-Van, Inc., be, and it is hereby, scheduled for public hearing to commence Friday, October 22, 1976, at 9:30 A. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

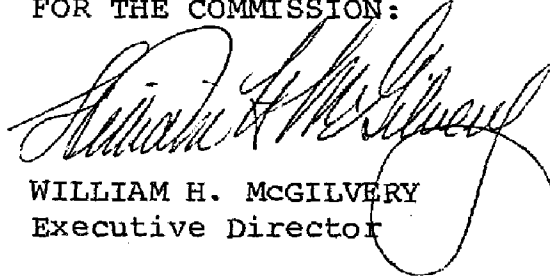
2. That Ebony Medi-Van, Inc., post in each vehicle and publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission of such application and hearing no later than Tuesday, September 21, 1976, and present at the hearing a certificate of posting and a certificate of publication from the selected newspaper.

3. That any person desiring to protest the application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission in writing, on or before Friday, October 8, 1976, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notice to counsel of record for Ebony Medi-Van, Inc., Wilbur W. Sewell, Esquire, 1319 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20004.

4. That Ebony Medi-Van, Inc., be, and it is hereby, assessed \$200 pursuant to the provisions of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19, and directed to deliver said amount to the offices of the Commission, Room 316,

1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, on or before
Friday, October 15, 1976.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William H. McGilvery", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end.

WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director